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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN INTEREST IN VENEZUELAN SABRE JETS

REF: (A) LONDON 4173; (B) CARACAS 3040

1. FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE HAS NOW RECEIVED REPORT FROM BRITISH EMBASSY CARACAS ALONG SAME LINES REFTEL (B). BRITISH REPORT ADDS THAT THE ALLEGED INTEREST OF RHODESIA IN BUYING SABRE JETS IN VENEZUELA WILL BE EXAMINED BY THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, WHO WILL HEAR REPORT FROM MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND COMMANDER OF AIR FORCE. BRITISH EMBASSY DID NOT FEEL THAT ANY OFFER HAD BEEN MADE BY ANY SPECIFIC COUNTRY, NOR WERE THEY ABLE TO LEARN THE NAMES OF THE BUSINESSMEN WHO ALLEGEDLY OWN THE JETS.

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2. CONCLUSION OF BRITISH EMBASSY IS THAT VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT AWARE SALE OF JETS TO RHODESIA WOULD BE ILLEGAL, AND THAT THEREFORE IT IS UNLIKELY TO GO THROUGH NOW THAT WHOLE AFFAIR HAS BEEN RELEASED IN PRESS.

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